

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Mabelle Dodge, a resident of Colonial Manor in Albany, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on November 6, 2004, at Albany United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, on November 8, 1904, in Darlington, God brought a special gift to Earl and Ella Shelby with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Mabelle, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Mabelle Dodge will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her fifty-six-year marriage to Eugene N. Dodge (deceased), to whom she wed on August 14, 1928, and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, God has blessed Mabelle Dodge with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one son, Zane Shelby Dodge; two granddaughters, Peggy Ann Whipple and Joan Marie Sanford; and three great-grandchildren, Jacqueline Whipple, Eric Steven Whipple, and Bianca Sanford; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mabelle Dodge has further distinguished herself by placing third in a beauty pageant sponsored by the Missouri Health Care Association, being a farmer's wife, working as a store clerk in Albany for ten years, teaching in a one-room schoolhouse for five years, and attending Northwest Missouri State Teachers College in Maryville; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Mabelle Dodge is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Mabelle Dodge at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mabelle Dodge, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4216, adopted October 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker